

# ANNUAL REPORT

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## Financial Affairs

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COURIER PRINTING COMPANY, INC.  
LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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**TOWN OFFICERS**

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**MODERATOR**

Helen J. Young

**CLERK**

Beulah A. Bowles

**TREASURER**

Sadie N. Glover

**SELECTMEN**

Kenneth D. Lang

Oliver L. Bowles

Durand B. Cooley

**SUPERVISORS**

Ion S. Whitcomb

Jack Kenney

Helene Schultze

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Helen J. Young

Eva Cooley

Phyllis H. Bowles

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Margaret T. Whitecomb

Beulah A. Bowles

Jane K. Cutter

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Ion S. Whitcomb

**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**

Ion S. Whitcomb

Helen J. Young

Phyllis H. Bowles

**POLICE OFFICER**

Ion S. Whitcomb

**DOG CONSTABLE**

Jack Kenney

**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

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Article 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept State Aid Construction: Town's share \$408.00; State's share \$1,000.00 and raise money for same.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to accept Town Road Aid: Town's share \$32.78; State's share \$218.52 and raise money for same.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$27.54 to the White Mountains Region Association being 10c per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other 45 towns in the region.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$125.00 for the town library.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150.00 for the cemetery.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to hire money for defraying town charges in anticipation of taxes.

Article 8. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to allow discount for early payment of taxes. What percent, and at what time?

Article 9. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as are stated in the proposed budget for repair of town highways and bridges, general expense of highways, snow removal, maintenance of town building, officers' salaries and expenses, and other town charges.

Article 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The above warrant is correct to the following date:  
January 23, 1953.

KENNETH D. LANG  
OLIVER L. BOWLES  
DURAND B. COOLEY  
Selectmen

*Inventory of 1952*


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Land and buildings	\$211,325.00
Growing wood and timber	\$14,380.00
Electric plants (power lines)	67,441.00
9 horses	900.00
26 cows	4,160.00
8 sheep	100.00
Portable mills	4,800.00
Wood and lumber	12,470.00
Gasoline pumps	860.00
Stock in trade	67.00
Valuation	\$302,123.00
Veterans' exemptions	6,550.00
Net valuation on which tax is computed	\$295,573.00
Property taxes	7,537.19
Poll taxes	86.00
Yield taxes	494.24
Total for collector	\$8,117.43
Tax rate for \$100.00 valuation	2.55

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*List of Town Property*


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Town hall and land	\$ 8,150.00
Furniture and equipment	120.00
Library, furniture and equipment	1,500.00
Fire department equipment	70.00
Johnsky place	375.07
Total	\$10,215.07

*Budget of the Town of Easton*

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Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953, Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue of the Previous Year, January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue 1952	Actual Revenue 1952	Estimated Revenue 1953
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 575.00	\$ 479.77	\$ 400.00
Savings Bank Tax	3.00	2.12	2.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	225.00		175.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	50.00	432.52	250.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		12.16	6.85
National Forest Reserve 1951 and 1952	375.00	1,173.40	375.00
Reimbursement a/c Bounties		9.75	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	30.00	30.00	30.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	10.00	307.50	300.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits Grafton County, Reimbursement (Howard Pier)		3.17	
Sale of Albert Eastman's automobile, Reimbursement for hospital expense		225.00	
Treasurer U. S. Social Security of Albert Eastman, part reimbursement for funeral expense		60.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	400.00	586.32	500.00
Sale of Town Property K. D. Lang, bricks		4.08	
Arthur Hunt, building on Johnsby place		15.00	
Cash Surplus		2,906.53	1,750.70
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes	80.00	76.00	70.00
Yield Tax		278.12	25.00
Head Tax	255.00	250.00	
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes			3,884.55
Previous Taxes Collected	207.50	207.50	
Amount To Be Raised by Property Taxes	6,694.91	7,224.87	5,025.19
Total Revenues			\$8,909.74

## *Budget of the Town of Easton*

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Estimates of Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953, Compared with Actual Expenditures and Appropriations of the Previous Year, January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp. 1952	Actual Expend. 1952	Estimated Expend. 1953
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 360.00	\$ 362.37	\$ 360.00
Town Officers' Expenses	130.00	347.18	300.00
Election and Registration Expenses	200.00	73.75	50.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	900.00	415.44	900.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Fire Department	50.00	13.70	50.00
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust	100.00	100.00	
Health:			
Health Department, Including Hospitals	10.00	5.00	10.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	1.50	5.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	200.00	190.22	300.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	300.00	353.12	350.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	100.00	165.97	100.00
Town Road Aid	32.94	32.94	32.74
Library	125.00	125.00	125.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	450.00	15.00	100.00
Old Age Assistance		27.17	
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	150.00	141.10	150.00
Perambulating Town Line		7.50	
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses, Incl. Dog Damage	10.00	3.00	10.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	27.28	27.28	27.54
Highways and Bridges:			
State Aid Construction Town's Share	408.00	408.00	408.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Deficit of Previous Year	260.00		
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County Taxes	682.93	631.26	631.26
School Taxes	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$9,901.16	\$11,887.87	\$8,909.74

***Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1952***

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	Appropriations	Expenditures	Overdrafts	Unexpended Balances
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 360.00	\$ 362.37	\$ 2.37	
Town Officers' Expenses	130.00	347.18	217.18	
Election and Registration Exp.	200.00	73.75		126.25
Town Hall Expenses	900.00	415.44		484.56
Fire Department	50.00	13.70		36.30
Vital Statistics	5.00	1.50		3.50
Town Maintenance: Summer	200.00	190.22		9.78
Town Maintenance: Winter	300.00	353.12	53.12	
General Exp. of Highways	100.00	165.97	65.97	
State Aid Con. Highways	408.00	408.00		
Town Bridge		111.65	111.65	
T. R. A. Town's Share	32.95	32.95		
Cemetery	150.00	141.10		8.90
Legal Expense	10.00	3.00		7.00
County Tax	682.93	631.26		51.67
School District	5,400.00	5,400.00		
Library	125.00	125.00		
Cooperative Advertising	27.28	27.28		
Town Poor	450.00	15.00		435.00
White Pine Blister Rust Control	100.00	100.00		
Health	10.00	5.00		5.00
Perambulating Town Line		7.50	7.50	
Old Age Assistance		27.17	27.17	

*List of Appropriations for 1952  
Compared with Those of 1953*

	<i>1952</i>	<i>1953</i>
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
Town Officers' Expenses	130.00	300.00
Election and Registration Exp.	200.00	50.00
Town Hall Expenses	900.00	900.00
Fire Department	50.00	50.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	5.00
Town Maintenance: Summer	200.00	300.00
Town Maintenance: Winter	300.00	350.00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	100.00	100.00
State Aid Construction	408.00	408.00
T. R. A. Town's Share	32.94	32.94
Cemetery	150.00	150.00
Legal Expense	10.00	10.00
County Tax	682.93	631.26
School	5,400.00	5,000.00
Library	125.00	125.00
Cooperative Advertising	27.28	27.54
Town Poor	450.00	100.00
White Pine Blister Rust Control	100.00	
Health	10.00	10.00
Total for 1953		\$8,909.74

*Assets and Liabilities*

**ASSETS**

Balance on hand December 31, 1952	\$2,410.94
Accounts Due the Town:	
State of N. H. Bounties	19.50
Uncollected Taxes	

Property	227.69
Poll	4.00
Yield	216.12
Head	5.00
Capital Reserve Fund	691.87
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Total Assets	\$3,575.12

### LIABILITIES

Due the School Treasurer	1,000.00
Due the State of N. H.	
Yield Tax	127.55
Head Tax	5.00
Capital Reserve Fund (offsets similar asset account)	691.87
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Total Liabilities	\$1,824.42
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$1,750.70

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### *Town Clerk's Report*

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1952 Auto Permits	\$586.32
1952 Dog Taxes	\$33.00
Less Clerk's Fee	3.00
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	30.00
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Total Amount Paid to the Treasurer	\$616.32

BEULAH A. BOWLES, Town Clerk

*Tax Collector's Report*

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*Summary of Warrant  
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes  
Levy of 1952*

DR.

**Taxes Committed to Collector:**

Property Taxes	\$7,537.19
Poll Taxes	86.00
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Total Warrant	\$7,623.19
Yield Taxes	494.24
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Total Debits	\$8,117.43

CR.

**Remittances to Treasurer:**

Property Taxes	\$7,224.87
Poll Taxes	76.00
Yield Taxes	278.12
Discount Allowed	84.63
Abatements	6.00

**Uncollected Taxes as per**

**Collector's List:**

**Property Taxes:**

Bowles, Melvin and Ida	10.30
Bowles, Melvin-poll tax	2.00
Bowles, Ida-poll tax	2.00
Johnson Lumber Co.	1.91
Smith, Herbert Estate	3.83
Ventres, George A.	204.00
Twombley, Robert	7.65

## Yield Taxes:

Bradford Veneer and Panel Co.	206.08
Harwood, Elbert	10.04
Total Credits	\$8,117.43

"I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1952, on account of the tax levy of 1952, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

ION S. WHITCOMB  
Tax Collector

*Summary of Warrant  
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes  
Levy of 1951*

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DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1952:

Property Taxes	\$207.50
Interest collected during Fiscal Year	
Ended Dec. 31, 1952	3.17

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Total Debits	\$210.67
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CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952:

Property Taxes	\$207.50
Interest Collected	3.17

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Total Credits	\$210.67
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*Summary of Warrant  
State Head Tax  
Levy of 1952*

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DR.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$265.00
Total Commitment	\$265.00
Total Debits	\$265.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$245.00
Abatements	15.00
Uncollected Head Taxes as per	

Collector's List:

Harwood, Elbert	5.00
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Total Credits	\$265.00
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ION S. WHITCOMB  
Tax Collector

*Summary of Warrant  
State Head Tax  
Levy of 1951*

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Supplemental Warrant No. 2  
(Issued May 19, 1952)

DR.

State Head Tax Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$5.00
Total Commitment	\$5.00
Total Debits	\$5.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Tax	\$5.00
Total Credits	\$5.00

***Town Treasurer's Report***

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Balance on hand January 1, 1952	\$2,906.53
Ion S. Whitcomb, Collector — Taxes	8,039.66
Beulah A. Bowles, Town Clerk,	
Automobile Taxes	586.32
Beulah A. Bowles, Town Clerk,	
Dog Taxes	30.00
Kenneth Lang	4.08
O. L. Bowles, Sale of Building on	
J. Johnskey Property	15.00
O. L. Bowles, Sale of Albert	
Eastman's Automobile	225.00
Grafton County Reimbursement	
(Howard Pier)	15.00
State of N. H.—Bounties	9.75
State of N. H.—National Forest	
Reserve Fund (1951)	636.46
State of N. H.—Reimbursement for Loss	
of Taxes on Growing Timber	432.52
State of N. H.—Interest and Dividend Tax	479.77
State of N. H.—National Forest	
Reserve Fund (1952)	536.94
State of N. H.—Share of Fire Prevention	12.16
State of N. H.—Savings Bank Tax	2.12
4-H Club and Orchestra — Rent	
for Town Hall	307.50
Treasurer of U. S.—Social Security for	
Albert Eastman	60.00
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Total	\$14,298.81
Less 86 Selectmen's Orders Paid	11,887.87
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Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 2,410.94

SADIE N. GLOVER, Treasurer

***Statement of Payments***

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Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 362.37
Town Officers' Expenses	347.18
Election and Registration	73.75
Town Hall Expense	338.72
Fire Department	13.70
Blister Rust	100.00
Bounties	19.50
Insurance: Town Hall	76.72
Perambulating Town Line	7.50
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	1.50
Town Road Aid	32.94
Town Maintenance: Summer	190.22
Town Maintenance: Winter	353.12
General Exp. Highway Department	165.97
Town Bridge	111.65
Library	125.00
Old Age Assistance	27.17
County Poor	15.00
Cemetery	141.10
Legal Advice	3.00
White Mt. Region Association	27.28
State Aid Construction	408.00
Head Taxes, 1951	254.80
Head Taxes, 1952	240.10
County Tax	631.26
School District, 1951	3,146.85
School District, 1952	4,668.47
Total Payments	\$11,887.87

***Detailed Statement of Payments***

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***Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries:***

Kenneth D. Lang, selectman	\$ 17.50
Oliver L. Bowles, selectman	78.50
Durand B. Cooley, selectman	32.50
Beulah A. Bowles, clerk	67.50
Ion S. Whitcomb, tax collector	119.37
Sadie N. Glover, treasurer	35.00
Helen J. Young, moderator	12.00
 Total	 \$362.37

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***Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses:***

Oliver L. Bowles, selectman	\$ 16.70
Durand B. Cooley, selectman	2.90
Beulah A. Bowles, clerk	9.20
Ion S. Whitcomb, tax collector	11.80
Sadie N. Glover, treasurer	1.10
Secretary of State, notary's app't.	10.00
N. H. Tax Collector's Association	3.00
Branham Auto Reference Book	3.00
Wheeler and Clark, dog tags	3.17
Courier Printing Co., town reports	151.25
Edson C. Eastman Co., invoice book	50.75
F. J. Shores, land transfers	1.26
Sears Roebuck Co., steel cabinet	45.00
Hunkins and Eaton, bonds	33.00
Oliver L. Bowles, freight on cabinet	3.25
Courier Printing Co., notices	1.80
 Total	 \$347.18

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***Detail 3. Election and Registration Expense:***

Gunnar, typographer, blanks	\$ 1.75
Eva Cooley, ballot inspector	12.00
Lyle Brown, ballot inspector	12.00
Ivah Edney, ballot clerk	12.00
Phyllis Bowles, ballot clerk	12.00
Margaret Whitcomb, supervisor check list	12.00
Ion S. Whitcomb, supervisor	12.00
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Total	\$73.75

***Detail 4. Town Hall Expense:***

Public Service Co., lights	\$ 46.84
George A. Smith, sharpening lawn mower	2.00
Merton Edney, janitor	127.40
Littleton Coal Co., briquettes	43.00
O. L. Bowles, labor, light bulbs, etc.	9.27
Littleton Hardware Co., wheel barrow	11.95
Herbert Tulk, electric repairs	12.10
Houle's Electric Shop, electric repairs	5.56
D. B. Cooley, wood	34.50
O. L. Bowles, smoke pipe and labor	22.10
Littleton Hardware, toilet tank	24.00
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Total	\$338.72

***Detail 5. Fire Department:***

D. B. Cooley	\$13.70
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***Detail 6. William Messek, State Forester***

White Pine Blister Rust Prevention	\$100.00
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***Detail 7. Bounties:***

David Shepard, 2 bears	\$10.00
David Shepard, 5 hedge hogs	1.25
Albert Judd, 23 hedge hogs	5.75

Peter Bowles, 1 hedge hog	.25
Alvin Shepard, 8 hedge hogs	2.00
Robert Sherburn, 1 hedge hog	.25
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Total	\$19.50

***Detail 8. Farm Bureau:***

Insurance on Town Hall	\$76.72
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***Detail 9. Durand B. Cooley:***

Perambulating Town Line	\$7.50
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***Detail 10. Health Department:***

Durand B. Cooley, health officer	\$5.00
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<b><i>Detail 11. Vital Statistics:</i></b>	\$1.50
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<b><i>Detail 12. Town Road Aid:</i></b>	\$32.94
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***Detail 13. Town Maintenance, Summer:***

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$190.22
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***Detail 14. Town Maintenance, Winter:***

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$353.12
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***Detail 15. General Exp. of Highway Dept.:***

Mowing town roads	\$165.97
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***Detail 16. Town Bridge:***

Robert Sherburn, planks	\$68.00
Treasurer, State of N. H.	43.65
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Total	\$111.65
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*Detail 17. Library:*

Jane Cutter, appropriation	\$125.00
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*Detail 18. Old Age Assistance:*

Josephine Dickinson	\$27.17
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*Detail 19. County Poor, Howard Pier:**Detail 20. Cemetery:*

Merton Edney, sexton	\$109.10
Vintinner's truck, rented	12.50
Lyle Brown, loam, 9 yards	9.00
Depot Store, grass seed, 5 pounds	3.00
O. L. Bowles, mowing	7.50
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Total	\$141.10

*Detail 21. Legal Advice:*

Dodge and Moulton	\$3.00
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*Detail 22. White Mt. Region Association:*

Cooperative Advertising	\$27.28
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*Detail 23. State Aid Construction, town's share:*

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$408.00
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*Detail 24. Head Taxes, 1951:*

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$254.80
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*Detail 25. Head Taxes, 1952:*

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$240.10
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*Detail 26. County Tax:**Detail 27. School District:*

Jane Cutter, treasurer	\$7,815.32
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*Payments to School Treasurer*

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Balance for the Year Ending June 30, 1952	\$2,950.48
$\frac{1}{2}$ N. F. R. F. for Year Ending June 30, 1951	196.37
Part of Appropriation for Year Ending	
June 30, 1953	4,400.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ N. F. R. F. for Year Ending June 30, 1952	268.47
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Total	\$7,815.32

*Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Easton on December 31, 1952*

Date of Creation	Trust Funds	Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balancce of Income	Expended Year	Balancce of Year	End of Income
1916	R. W. Young Trust Fund	Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	100.00	2 %	10.62	2.23	.75	12.10	
1947	Arthur Pease Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	114.00	2 1/2 %	4.81	3.60	.75	7.66	
1922	Peter Kinsman and Bernsley Edwards Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 %	24.28	3.78	.75	27.31	
1937	Orin G. Bowles Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	200.00	2 1/2 %	32.68	7.05	.75	38.98	
1947	Charles Young Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	200.00	2 1/2 %	11.99	6.43	3.50	14.92	
1945	Town of Easton Sinking Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	\$ 300.00	2 1/2 %	71.58	20.29		91.87	
1946	Town of Easton Sinking Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	300.00	2 1/2 %					
						Total			
				\$1,314.00	-	\$ 155.96	\$ 43.38	\$ 650	\$ 192.84

*CERTIFICATE*

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
Date December 31, 1952

ION S. WHITCOMB  
PHYLLIS H. BOWLES  
HELEN J. YOUNG  
Trustees

**EASTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY*****Librarian's Report***

Gertrude Eastman, who has been Librarian for several years, was granted a leave of absence for three months during February, March and April as she went to Littleton to work. Ivah Edney was appointed acting Librarian by the Trustees. When her leave of absence was up as she was still working, the Trustees appointed Ivah Edney as Librarian. I wish to thank all who have given books and magazines to the Library during the year. Through the generosity of friends and new books bought from the Library Fund there have been 129 books added to the Library. The Bookmobile has made five trips this year. Since the second trip we have been able to secure Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction books which has been a great help. We have borrowed from the Bookmobile 352 books and loaned 547.

Number of Visitors .....	228
Adult Fiction .....	642
Adult Non-fiction .....	83
Juvenile Fiction .....	239
Juvenile Non-fiction .....	10
Magazines .....	202
Total Number of Books Loaned .....	974
Total Circulation .....	1176
Number of Readers .....	28

We have had several new readers during the summer and they think we have a nice Library and a nice selection of books for a small Town.

IVAH EDNEY, Librarian

*Library Financial Report*

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Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1952	\$ 50.45
Received from Selectmen,	
Appropriation	125.00
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	\$175.45
Salary of Librarian for 1 year	\$100.00
Insurance on Books	12.00
Subscription to 1 magazine-2 yrs.	5.00
Library cards purchased	2.25
Books purchased—7	6.64
Bank charge	1.06
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	\$126.95
Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1952	\$ 48.50

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JANE K. CUTTER, Library Trustee and Treasurer

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*Auditor's Statement*

February 9, 1953

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, treasurer, town clerk and tax collector of the Town of Easton for the year ending December 31, 1952, and find them correct to the best of my belief, and all disbursements properly vouched for.

JANE K. CUTTER, Auditor

***ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
EASTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Year Ending January 1, 1953***

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**DISTRICT OFFICERS**

***School Board***

Mrs. Eva Cooley, Chairman .....	Term expires 1953
Mrs. Phyllis Bowles .....	Term expires 1954
Mrs. Helen J. Young .....	Term expires 1955
Mr. Ronald A. Perham .....	Superintendent of Schools

**OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS**

Mrs. Beulah Bowles .....	Moderator
Miss Jane K. Cutter .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Margaret Whitcomb .....	Auditor
Mrs. Ivah Edney .....	Clerk
Mrs. Eva Cooley .....	Truant Officer

**WARRANT FOR THE SCHOOL MEETING**

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To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Easton, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the eleventh day of March, 1953, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of district officers and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the

district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

EVA COOLEY  
PHYLLIS BOWLES  
HELEN YOUNG  
School Board

***STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS***

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*July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952***RECEIPTS**

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1951	\$ 66.74
Federal Aid: Forest Reserve	196.37
Appropriation from Selectmen	5,500.00
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	\$5,763.11

**PAYMENTS**

Orders of the School Board	\$5,044.25
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1952	718.86
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	\$5,763.11

*July 1, 1952 to January 1, 1953***RECEIPTS**

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1952	\$ 718.86
Appropriation from Selectmen	4,754.11
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	\$5,472.97

**PAYMENTS**

Orders of the School Board	\$1,844.75
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1953	3,628.22
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	\$5,472.97

**EASTON**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
*June 30, 1952*

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**ASSETS**

Cash on hand June 30, 1952                    \$ 718.86

Accounts due District:

    From Town                                        1,866.29

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\$2,585.15

**LIABILITIES**

Excess of Assets over Liabilities                \$2,585.15

***ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER***  
***Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1952***

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Cash on Hand July 1, 1951	\$ 66.74
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Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation	\$5,500.00
Forest Reserve	196.37
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	5,696.37
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TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE	
FOR FISCAL YEAR	5,763.11
Less School Board Orders Paid	5,044.25
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Balance on hand June 30, 1952	\$ 718.86

JANE K. CUTTER, Treasurer

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***Auditor's Certificate***

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Easton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952 and find them correct in all respects.

MARGARET WHITCOMB, Auditor

## *FINANCIAL REPORT — EASTON*

	Paid 1951-52	Out 1952-53	Budget Jan. 1, 1953	Paid Out to Budget Jan. 1, 1953	Proposed 1953-54
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>					
1. Salaries of District Officers	36.54	36.00	36.00		36.00
2. Superintendent's Salary	64.43	62.98	62.98		62.98
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision	42.00	40.00	40.00		40.00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel	52.27	3.00	3.00		3.00
5. Supplies and Expenses	39.16	35.00	18.45		35.00
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>					
9. Salary of Clerical Assistant	30.20	15.10	32.50		
10. Supplies and Other Expenses		6.10	6.10		
<b>AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES</b>					
16. Transportation	1,300.00	1,800.00	520.00	1,800.00	
17. Tuition	3,504.85	4,000.00	1,168.40	3,000.00	
<b>FIXED CHARGES</b>					
19. Retirement					
20. Insurance, Treasurer's Bond and Expenses	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.72
	<b>\$5,044.25</b>	<b>\$6,017.90</b>	<b>\$1,844.75</b>	<b>\$5,026.30</b>	

**SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1953-1954**

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1953.

Total amount required to meet school board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of the Financial Report  
\$5,026.30

***Estimated Income of District***

Balance June 30, 1953	\$ 500.00
Forest Reserve	526.30

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,026.30 for the school year 1953-1954.

EVA COOLEY  
PHYLLIS BOWLES  
HELEN YOUNG  
School Board

**Recommended Motion:**

Moved that the school district raise and appropriate \$5,026.30 and to authorize and direct the school board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the school board, exclusive of state aid, and upon the determination of the amount of state aid to be received by the school district during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the school board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from state aid and with the school district clerk certify to the selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT***

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To the School Board and Citizens of Easton:

I herewith submit my tenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

There were 20 pupils attending school last year. Eleven elementary pupils enrolled in the Franconia Elementary School, 8 enrolled in the high school and 1 enrolled in Littleton High School.

There are 14 pupils attending school this year, 6 in the elementary school and 8 in the high school. They are as follows: Lois Bowles, Grade 5, Peter Bowles, Grade 9, Alice Cooley, Grade 7, Bernice Cooley, Grade 4, Eleanor Cooley, Grade 9, Katherine Cooley, Grade 12, Merton Edney, Grade 8, Roger Glover, Grade 12, Patricia Leighton, Grade 12, Ingrid Schultze, Grade 4, Alvin Shepard, Grade 8, David Shepard, Grade 9, George Whitcomb, Grade 12 and Evelyn Wolff, Grade 11.

There are but fourteen children in your district and the duties of your school board are not as heavy as in nearby districts. In the eyes of parents, the education of a few children is just as important as the education of many. Your board is to be commended for its interest in the welfare and education of Easton children.

A detailed report of the activities at Dow Academy accompanies this report.

Respectfully submitted,

**RONALD A. PERHAM**  
Supt. of Schools

## ***PRINCIPAL'S REPORT***

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The second annual report of my administration as Principal of Dow Academy is hereby submitted.

### **FACULTY**

The fall term opened with some staff changes. Miss Callahan, Mr. Cole, Mr. McLure, and myself returned to discharge our obligations. New teachers added this year are as follows: Miss Blanche Carr of Lincoln taught grades 1 and 2. Mrs. Alice Leavitt replaced her after the Christmas vacation. Mrs. Elizabeth Lowden of North Woodstock teaches grades 3 and 4. Mrs. Margaret Graham of Lancaster teaches Science and Social Studies, Miss Kathleen Frothingham of Portsmouth teaches the Commercial studies. Mr. Frank Wilbur of Danville, Vt. teaches English and French. Mrs. Irene Sinclair of Lincoln is handling the vocal music for the school. Mrs. Pauline Cole has replaced Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, who resigned during the Christmas vacation, as teacher of Home Economics. Mr. Merton Shores is teaching Shop.

I find the faculty a conscientious and capable group of individuals who are stimulating and cooperative.

### **CURRICULUM**

The shed beside the gymnasium has been improved and with further improvements it is hoped that in the near future our shop will be moved from the gym to this location. It affords more space and better facilities for an improved shop course.

Driver Education is being continued this year and is proving its practical value to all concerned.

World Affairs, taught by Mrs. Graham, is a new subject offered for the first time this year. Other courses not offered as a regular part of our curriculum will be available next year to interested and capable students. Correspondence courses are approved by the State Department of Education and are of great value to small schools if properly supervised.

Work is being done towards changing the curriculum to better fulfill the needs of our students. This will not be at a sacrifice of the fundamentals of education. Now in the planning stage, it requires the cooperation of school, home, and community.

The school day is as follows: 8:25 A. M. to 12:15 P. M. is the morning session composed of four 55 minute classes. 1 P. M. to 2:50 P. M. is the afternoon session composed of two 55 minute classes. The longer periods are to provide time for supervised study. The last period in the day is what we call an activity period. It is used for Band, Glee Club, and other extra-curricula activities. The schedule is so arranged that no classes are missed because of the athletic program.

#### ACTIVITIES

For the first time the ski program is under the direct control of the school. Mr. Cole is the supervisor and is doing an exceptional job in this respect. We feel that it is run better than ever before, thus resulting in greater benefits for the students. A Physical Education program is being instituted at the same time and in conjunction with the ski program. Plans are underway for a continuation of this program for the rest of the year.

This year the school annual will again be printed by the Courier, after a lapse of a few years. Under the direction of Mr. Wilbur, we feel the yearbook will be bigger and better than ever.

Mr. McLure is continuing his able work in directing and improving the band.

Mrs. Sinclair devotes a full day to Glee Club and chorus work for the entire school. Present plans call for an operetta in the spring. We feel that her work is very satisfactory.

We have dropped out of the Ammonoosuc Basketball League this year. Little interest was shown by the boys in the sport, although some faithfully stuck it out. These few are now playing for Twin Mt., since Twin was plagued with injuries and issued a call for assistance. Such an experiment as a team composed of mem-

bers of rival schools is a valuable cooperative experience for all concerned.

The girls have so far enthusiastically played a few games and have more planned. Capably coached by Mrs. Graham, they have performed very well.

The ski team under the direction of Mr. Cole shows much promise and it appears they will make good showings in the many meets that are scheduled. This is a sport which is natural for this area. It has a great carry-over value beyond school.

The Dramatics Club, directed by Mr. Wilbur, has successfully performed one play and another is planned for the spring season.

#### HEALTH

Last spring dental fluoride treatments were administered on a voluntary basis to many students. This was a worthwhile project. Dr. Ralph Parker has performed physical examinations again this year. Miss Irma Simeneau has returned as the school nurse and is effectively cooperating in keeping the school children in good health. There is still need of more work being done in the field of dental health.

#### GUIDANCE

Our guidance folders are being used to a fuller extent and progress is being made in the direction of helping students choose courses and careers. Much more, however, remains to be done in this field.

#### LIBRARY

Through the generosity of the many friends of the school, both in giving books and money, the library has expanded very favorably. It is more widely used and steps have been taken for getting more sources of reading and reference matter for our students.

#### MARKING SYSTEM

The new system was instituted this fall. The aim of it is to give a more complete report to the parents of their child's progress at school. It is, we hope, a more meaningful report both to the child and the parent.

## ADMINISTRATION

May I express my appreciation to the staff of the school. It is a pleasure to work with them. They are the backbone of our nation. It is my opinion that they are doing a very commendable job.

It is a pleasure to work for and with Mr. Ronald Perham, your Superintendent of Schools. He is very cooperative and is sincerely interested in doing the best possible for the students and the school.

It is a privilege to work for and with your school board. They are honest, sincere, and conscientious. They keep a close check on your school. They constantly keep the best interests of the school foremost in their thoughts and actions.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul H. Farris  
Principal

*Expenditures—Easton School District—1951-1952*

## ADMINISTRATION

***1. Salaries of District Officers:***

Eva Cooley, Chairman School Board	\$19.54
Phyllis Bowles, School Board	6.50
Helen Young, School Board	6.50
Gertrude Eastman, Moderator	2.00
Ivah Edney, Clerk	2.00
	\$ 36.54

***2. Superintendent's Salary:***

Treas., Supervisory Union No. 34	64.43
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***3. Tax for Statewide Supervision:***

Treas., State of N. H., Per Capita Tax	42.00
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***4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:***

Margaret Whitcomb, Census	3.00
Treas., Supervisory Union, clerical assistant	49.27
	52.27

***5. Supplies and Expenses:***

Lisbon Special School District	5.01
Treas., Supervisory Union No. 34	34.15
	39.16

## AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

*16. Transportation of Pupils:*

Perry Ball	1,300.00
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*17. Tuition:*

Franconia School District	3,445.85
Littleton Union School District	59.00
	3,504.85

## FIXED CHARGES

*20. Insurance, Treasurer's Bond & Expenses:*

Merrill's Insurance, Treas. bond	5.00
TOTAL	\$5,044.25

**Births Registered in the Town of Easton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1952**

Date of Birth and Name of Child (if any)	Sex	Living or Stillborn No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
June 30	David Taylor Kenney	[M] L13	John Williams Kenney	Margaret S. Taylor	Easton, N. H.	Littleton	Kansas

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BEULAH A. BOWLES, Town Clerk.

**Deaths Registered in the Town of Easton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1952**

Date of Death and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Place of Birth	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Sex Married Single or Widowed		
			Years Months Days	[M] [W]	Mary Keyes
Jan. 22 Easton, N. H.	Charles A. Young	93 10 15 Easton, N. H.		Lumber Mfg.	Timothy Young

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BEULAH A. BOWLES, Town Clerk.







